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KC MAN SECOND TO PLEAD GUILTY TO CRACK COCAINE CHARGES

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to distribution of crack cocaine.

Darrell L. Givens, 32, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine.

By pleading guilty, **Givens** admitted that he sold five grams or more of crack cocaine on four occasions between March 30, 2004, and April 12, 2004.

Under federal statutes, **Givens** could be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison without parole up to life in prison without parole, plus a \$4 million fine. His sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

Givens is the second-co-defendant to plead guilty in this case.

On Sept. 22, 2004, **Charmin Patton**, 47, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty to distributing crack cocaine. By pleading guilty, **Patton** admitted that she sold 28.07 grams of crack cocaine for \$800 at 5401 E. 27th Terr., in Kansas City, on March 30, 2004.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **Patton** is subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$2 million. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

The co-defendants were originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand

jury on April 22, 2004, in Kansas City.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen Mahoney. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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